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SRI ALLURI VENKATARAMA RAJU :—" కేంద్ర ప్రభుత్వం consider చేస్తున్నదని చెప్పారు. అయితే కేంద్ర ప్రభుత్వానికి మద్రాసు ప్రభుత్వం recommend చేసిన ధర ఎంతో చెప్పగలరా ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Notice."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Harijan officers in the Revenue Department.

110 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the number of Harijans working as (i) Collectors ; (ii) Deputy Collectors ; (iii) Tahsildars ; (iv) Stationary Sub-Magistrates or Regular Deputy Tahsildars ; (v) Deputy Tahsildars appointed under rule 9 (*a*) (i); and (vi) Revenue Inspectors in each district?

A.—A statement containing the information is given below :—

Statement showing the number of Harijans or members of the Scheduled Castes working as Collectors, or in the grade of Collectors, Deputy Collectors, Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars, Stationary Sub-Magistrates and Revenue Inspectors in each district in the State.

District. (1)	*Collectors or officers in Collector's grade.* (2)	*Deputy Collectors.* (3)	*Tahsildars* (4)	*Deputy Tahsildars including Deputy Tahsildars appointed under general rule 9 (a) (i).* (5)	*Stationary Sub-Magistrates.* (6)	*Revenue Inspectors.* (7)
Visakhapatnam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Srikakulam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Godavari ..	..	..	..	1	..	..
West Godavari ..	..	..	1	1	1	2
Krishna ..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Guntur ..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Nellore ..	..	1	..	..	..	3
Chittoor ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cuddapah ..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Kurnool ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bellary ..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Anantapur ..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Madras ..	2	1	..	..	..	1
Chingleput ..	..	..	..	..	..	3
North Arcot ..	..	1	..	..	..	5
South Arcot ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tanjore ..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Tiruchirappalli ..	..	2	..	..	..	1
Madurai ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ramanathapuram	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tirunelveli ..	..	2	..	2	..	2
Salem	1	2	..	..	..	..
Coimbatore ..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Malabar ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
South Kanara ..	..	1	..	1	..	1
The Nilgiris ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	4	15	1	6	1	30
Officers on leave ..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Grand total ..	6	15	1	6	1	30

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Length of cement concrete roads in each district.

111 Q.—SRI K. VENKATARAMANA GOWDA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the length of cement concrete roads in each district;

(b) why the South Kanara district has no cement concrete roads at all; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to cement-concrete any road in South Kanara?

A.—(a) A statement[a] showing the length of cement concrete roads in each district and also mileage of roads that are being cement-concreted or are proposed to be cement-concreted in the current year is placed on the table of the House.

(b) Traffic intensities on the roads in the district do not warrant the provision of cement concrete surface—Vide also answer given on 21st July 1952 to a supplementary question under starred question No. 151.

(c) No.

Expenditure on Rural Welfare Scheme.

112 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(a) the expenditure district-war on Firka development, from the State Funds in 1950–51, 1951–52 and 1952–53 so far;

(b) the number of Firka development centres and the number of villages covered in each district now; and

(c) how many schools, hospitals, wells, length of metal road, the Firka Development Department has been able to bring into existence in 1951–52 and 1952–53 up to date?

A.—(a) & (b) The details are furnished in the Statements I and II[b] given below.

(c) Detailed particulars of work done are available only calendar year-war from the year 1950 onwards. These details are incorporated in the yearly Administration reports.

In Statement III below the details of the work done from the inception of the scheme to the end of March 1952 are given.

Relief measures in Udayarpalayam taluk.

113 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representations from the people of Udayarpalayam taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, that famine conditions prevail there;

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 466 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 467–471 infra.

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(*b*) the steps taken so far to relieve the distress of the famine-stricken people; and

(*c*) the reason why the Government have not till now declared the taluk as famine area?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No special relief measures have so far been taken up in this area.

(*c*) The Government do not consider that distress in an acute form prevails in Udayarpalayam taluk so as to justify taking up of relief measures on an extensive scale immediately.

Promotions from the posts of Sub-Registrars to the posts of District Registrars.

114 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of District Registrars of the Registration department belonging to Backward Classes; and

(*b*) whether the Government Order reserving seats for Backward and Scheduled Classes is applicable to promotions from Sub-Registrars to District Registrars?

A.—(*a*) Seven.

(*b*) No.

Publication of pamphlets of Agricultural department in regional languages.

115 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that booklets and pamphlets published by the Agricultural department for the information of the agriculturists are published only in English and not in the regional languages; and

(*b*) whether it is also a fact that the poor paid maistries and fieldsmen are compelled to sell those booklets?

A.—(*a*) The Agricultural department has recently published a series of brochures in English only. Their translation in regional languages is in progress. The intention is to publish them in the languages also.

(*b*) It is not a fact.

Recruitment of Forest Rangers.

116 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the criterion under which Foresters are promoted as Forest Rangers;

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(*b*) the percentage of Ranger personnel recruited by transfer from Foresters and the percentage reserved for direct recruitment; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that low-paid and work-charged men like watchers and Foresters are transferred to distant places from Madurai to Madras or *vice versa*?

A.—(*a*) Foresters are promoted as Rangers on grounds of merit and ability, seniority being considered only where merit and ability are approximately equal.

(*b*) 30 per cent of the vacancies in the category of Rangers are reserved for direct recruitment, 30 per cent for appointment of Foresters trained at the Madras Forest College, Coimbatore, and 20 per cent for appointment of untrained Foresters.

(*c*) No, Sir.

Reduction in the selling price of milo.

117 *Q.*—Sri V. Madanagopal: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reason for reducing recently the selling price of milo which the Government had on stock with them;

(*b*) how much per cent was reduced;

(*c*) what is the loss on this account;

(*d*) what was the machinery through which the milo was distributed; and

(*e*) what steps the Government have taken to ensure that the consumers derive the benefit of the reduction of price?

A.—(*a*) At the beginning of July last the Government had a stock of 1·2 lakhs tons of milo held either by wholesalers or in their own godowns. The average weekly offtake during the previous four weeks was only 1,435 tons and at that rate the stocks would have lasted for over 1½ years. The condition of the grain was, however, such, that it could not stand such a long storage and there was therefore imminent danger of the deterioration of stocks. It was in these circumstances that Government ordered on 28th July 1952 that milo should be sold at the basic price of Rs. 8–8–0 a maund to wholesalers so that consumers can get it at about Re. 0–6–6 a Madras measure.

(*b*) The reduction works out to about 26 per cent of the pool price fixed by the Government of India.

(*c*) The loss is about rupees one crore.

(*d*) The milo was distributed to selected wholesalers for sale to fair price shopkeepers and also in open market.

(*e*) The Collectors were asked to obtain an undertaking from the wholesalers that they will not sell the grain

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to retailers at a price higher than that fixed by the Government. They were also asked to keep a vigilant watch on the transactions of the merchants and take necessary action against them by stopping the allotments of the grain to them, if they were found selling the grain at higher rates. The Commercial Tax Officers were also instructed to issue such direction as is necessary to the merchants under condition 9 of the licence under Madras Foodgrains Control Order, 1947, to ensure that the grain reached the consumer at the prescribed rate.

' Malarial areas ' in Nellore district.

118 *Q.*—Sri B. SANKARAYYA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the areas notified as ' Malarial areas ' in the Nellore district; and

(*b*) the officers of various departments in Rapur taluk who are paid malarial allowance, and since when?

A.—(*a*) The following places in the Nellore district have been declared as unhealthy localities, on account of their being malarial, on the recommendation of the Director of Public Health:—

(1) Duggarajapatnam.

(2) Kothapatnam.

(3) Kondurpalayam.

(4) Manneru.

(5) Tammanapatam.

(6) Rapur taluk.

The Director of Public Health recommended that Rapur taluk in the Nellore district might be declared as unhealthy locality for a period of two years in the first instance.

(*b*) Government servants of all the departments of the Government (like Medical, Public Health, Police, etc.), who are stationed in the taluk are eligible for unhealthy locality special pay at the prescribed rates. They have been drawing the special pay ever since the locality was declared as unhealthy in G.O. No. 1372, Finance, dated the 19th December 1951.

Issue of new ration cards.

119 *Q.*—Sri S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) if ration card-holders were transferred from one place to another whether they are allowed to get new ration cards in the new places; and

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(*b*) if so, whether it is necessary to get a certificate from the ration office of the original place and whether necessary instructions have been given to the officials in this connexion?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Except members of the 'Essential Services', others are not issued 'ration cards' to draw 'rations' from fair price shops when they are transferred from one station to another.

Necessary instructions have been issued to all Civil Supplies officials concerned to see that the fair price shopkeepers in the new places register the old 'ration cards' of the members of the 'Essential Services' and issue 'rations' on them at the scale applicable in the new areas.

[*Note* —An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* SRI POTTI SRIRAMULU'S FAST FOR THE FORMATION OF AN ANDHRA STATE.

MR. SPEAKER:—"Mr. Nagi Reddi has given notice of an adjournment motion. The motion reads—

'That the House stands adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.,—

"The grave situation caused by the failure of the Government to take effective steps to terminate the fast undertaken by Sri Potti Sreeramulu for the formation of Andhra Province for more than 50 days because of which his condition has become very precarious nearing 'Atmarpanam'."'

I may tell the hon. Member that a similar Motion was brought before the House only the other day and I gave a ruling on that. I explained to the hon. Member how a motion on which a ruling has once been given cannot be brought forward again in the same session. He told me that this was a different motion. I do not know how this is different from that. Let the hon. Member now explain how the purpose of this adjournment motion is different."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—"అధ్యక్షా, ఈ తీర్మానం చాలా ముఖ్యమైనటువంటిది. దీనికి ఎంతేని ప్రాధాన్యత ఉంది. ఈ తీర్మానములోని విషయం గురించి ఈ శాశన సభలో ఇదివరలో చర్చింపబడినందున ఈ నాడు తిరిగి దానిని చర్చించుట అవసరంలేదని తమరు అభిప్రాయ పడుచున్నట్లుకూడా నాకు తెలుసును. ఇదివరలో శ్రీ పొట్టి శ్రీరాములుగారి ప్రాయోపవేశం గురించి చర్చించిన నాటికి నేటికి పరిస్థితులలో ఎంతో వ్యత్యాసమున్నది. ఈ నాడు ఆయన పరిస్థితిలో ఆనాటికన్న ఎంతో మార్పు వచ్చింది. ఆయన ఆరోగ్యం గురించి వైద్యులు ఎంతో ఆందోళన చెందుతున్నారు. ఈ వాస్తవ పరిస్థితులను మీరు గమనించాలి. శ్రీరాములుగారి ఆరోగ్య విషయమై ఈ ప్రభుత్వంవారు ఎట్టి శ్రద్ధ తీసుకొనక పోవడం ఎంతో విచారకరమైనటువంటి విషయం."

MR. SPEAKER:—"The hon. Member should not mention here, whatever might have happened elsewhere."